



Horicon NWR & Wisconsin Events

JANUARY

23 Volunteer Recognition Dinner at Horicon NWR visitor center.

6 Essay Contest – “What I Like About Horicon Marsh.” Due **Feb. 21**. For select schools.

FEBRUARY

Various dates Celebrate the Centennial school assembly programs at 20 schools near Horicon NWR.

28 Celebrate the Centennial live distance learning class available from Horicon NWR to all WI BadgerNet sites. Reservations required.

 **MARCH 14, 2003**

100th BIRTHDAY OF THE REFUGE SYSTEM!

National Wildlife Refuges across the U.S. will host celebrations. Our Partner Party begins at 10:00 am at Horicon NWR. Join us for this historic event on the exact 100th anniversary date when President Theodore Roosevelt established the first National Wildlife Refuge at Pelican Island in Florida. Partners, volunteers, Friends, children, and employees will provide performances, speeches, and the burial of a time capsule to be opened on March 14, 2103. Two statewide treasure hunts will be unveiled. Photo opportunity with Honker!

 **MARCH 15, 2003**

THE PARTY CONTINUES!

Join us for our Wild Things Birthday Party at Horicon NWR at 9:00 am and 2:00 pm as well as the second day of sale and cancellation of the new Pelican Island NWR postage stamp from 10:00 am to 12 noon. Visitor center open 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

15 Centennial Celebration at Necedah NWR.

APRIL

1 Volunteer Training Day at Horicon NWR. Join us at 9:00 am at the visitor center.

3 Crane Count Meeting Training session for all Dodge County counters at the Horicon NWR visitor center, 6:30pm. Volunteers needed!

5-6 Watch “Wild Things, Wisconsin’s National Wildlife Refuges” on TV. Check your local listings or discoverwisconsin.com for details.

12 Sandhill Crane Count 5:30 am – 7:30 am. Volunteers are needed to survey specific sites in Dodge County. Registration and attendance at **April 3** training meeting required.

15 Auto Tour and Main Dike Road Open daily to vehicles thru **Sept. 15** at Horicon NWR.

19 Celebrate the Centennial Road Rally at Horicon NWR. Start at the visitor center anytime between 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

19 Visitor Center Open Weekends at Horicon NWR until **May 25**, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Also open weekdays year-round & weekends in fall.

19-20 Old Marsh Road Open at Horicon NWR to hiking and bicycling. Daylight hours only.

19-20 Bats, ‘Rats, and Habitats Weekend at Horicon NWR, a Marsh Melodies event.

22 Second Day of Sale and postal cancellation for the Pelican Island NWR centennial stamp at Trempealeau NWR.

26-27 Native American Heritage Weekend at Horicon NWR, a Marsh Melodies event.

MAY

3-4 Wildflower Weekend at Horicon NWR, a Marsh Melodies event.

8-11 Horicon Marsh Bird Festival at Horicon NWR, a Marsh Melodies event.

9 Centennial Forest Restoration at Whittlesey Creek NWR.

10 Celebrate the Centennial presentation at the Horicon NWR visitor center at 2:00 pm.

MORE ...

10 International Migratory Bird Day – Visit the Refuge System and participate in centennial activities nationwide.

16 Baraboo River WPA Celebration Walking tours and displays from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

17-18 Paddle the Wetland Weekend at Horicon State Wildlife Area, a Marsh Melodies event.

24-25 Pedal the Wetland Weekend at Horicon NWR, a Marsh Melodies event.

JUNE

1-7 National Fishing Week – Visit the Refuge System and participate in centennial-themed clinics, exhibitions, contests, or just good old fashioned American *fishing*!

Weekends Old Marsh Road Open at Horicon NWR to hiking and bicycling. Daylight hours.

JULY

1 Summer Fest – Visit Horicon NWR's centennial booth in the children's tent.

10 Friends of Horicon NWR Annual Meeting at the visitor center at 4:30 pm.

11 Coming Home to Mayville & the Rock River at Mayville Middle School, 7:00 pm.

31 American Queen Riverboat Fair in LaCrosse. A centennial cruise and event.

Weekends Old Marsh Road Open at Horicon NWR to hiking and bicycling. Daylight hours.

AUGUST

1 Rhythms of the Refuge Educator Workshop at Horicon NWR, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

6, 13, 22, 29 Volunteer Training Days at Horicon NWR. Come help out the marsh!

9-10 Superior Celebration at the Ashland FRO, Whittlesey Creek NWR, & Ashland NFH.

15-17 Ducks Unlimited Great Outdoors Show at the Experimental Aircraft Association grounds in Oshkosh. Stop by the Fish and Wildlife Service centennial tent!

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SEPTEMBER

6 Visitor Center Open Weekends at Horicon NWR until Nov. 2, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm. Open weekdays year-round & weekends in spring.

16 Auto Tour and Dike Rd. close to vehicles at Horicon NWR for the season at 8:00 am.

20-21 Crane Festival at Necedah NWR. Tours, booths, activities, and more!

27 National Public Lands Day at Horicon NWR. Join us at this volunteer work day.

27 Goose Talks at Horicon NWR. Saturdays at 4:00 pm thru **Oct. 25** at the Highway 49 viewing area near County Road Z.

OCTOBER

Saturdays Guided Bird Watching Tours at Horicon NWR. 9:00 am - 11:30 am. Car caravan starts at the visitor center.

12-18 National Wildlife Refuge Week celebrated throughout the Refuge System!

16-17 School Field Trip Days at Horicon NWR.

18 Open House at Horicon NWR from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm with lots of centennial activities including a guided bird watching caravan, 5K walk/run, and more!

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Friends of Horicon NWR meets on the second Thursday each month at 5:00 pm at the visitor center. You are encouraged to attend.

ABBREVIATIONS

FRO	Fisheries Resources Office
NFH	National Fish Hatchery
NFWR	National Fish and Wildlife Refuge
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
WMD	Wetland Management District
WPA	Waterfowl Production Area

FOR MORE INFO

Centennial Events <http://midwest.fws.gov/>

Horicon National Wildlife Refuge 920-387-2658, <http://midwest.fws.gov/horicon/index.htm>

Marsh Melodies www.marshmelodies.com

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